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1. SUMMARY. FONOFF AND AID MINISTRY REPS TELL US THERE ARE NO RPT NO PLANS FOR INCREASED AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM (RVN) AS REPORTED REFTEL C. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED AID PROPOSALS AND REPORTED POSSIBILITY OF INCREASE IN FRG AID TO RVN WITH BERENDONCK, HEAD SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION (MFA) AND LEHMANN OF SOUTHEAST ASIA OFFICE, AID MINISTRY. BOTH DENIED ANY PLAN TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AID TO RVN.

3. BERENDONCK SAYS FRG POLICY IS TO PROVIDE AID AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVEN-HANDEDLY AS POSSIBLE TO ALL OF INDO-CHINA, BASED

ON POPULATION AND NEED. PURPOSE IS TO ASSIST IN BUILDING ECONOMIC STRUCTURE WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIO-POLITICAL STABILITY AND HENCE TO PEACE IN AREA. OBVIOUSLY IT WILL BE EASIER TO EVALUATE OVERALL PICTURE WHEN SITUATION HAS CALMED DOWN FURTHER AND AFTER FRG HAS ESTABLISHED TIES WITH NORTH VIETNAM (SEE SEPTTEL FOR BERENDONCK'S COMMENTS ON FRG'S CURRENT MOVE TO TAKE UP DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS).

4. LEHMANN REVIEWED CURRENT PLANS WITHIN FRG FOR INDOCHINA AID UNDER FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

A. DM 100 MILLION CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE (SEE REFTTEL B). FRG HAS DECIDED TO OBLIGATE DM 8 MILLION FOR NAM GUM (PHONETIC) WATER POWER PROJECT IN LAOS. NO OTHER PROGRAMS ARE PRESENTLY BEING DISCUSSED WITH ANY OTHER INDOCHINA GOVERNMENT.

B. DM 30 MILLION HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (SEE REFTTEL A).

(1) DM 20 MILLION IS TO BE DISBURSED THROUGH UNITED NATIONS AS MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE. DISBURSEMENT OF THIS AID BEING HELD UP, ACCORDING TO LEHMANN, BY NORTH VIETNAM'S (DRV) REFUSAL TO ACCEPT AID IN THIS MANNER.

(2) FRG HAS DECIDED TO OBLIGATE REMAINING DM 10 MILLION ON PROPORTIONAL POPULATION BASES AS FOLLOWS: 40 PERCENT - RVN; 40 PERCENT - DRV; 13 PERCENT - CAMBODIA AND 7 PERCENT LAOS. HOWEVER, NO TALKS ARE UNDERWAY WITH ANY OF THE GOVERNMENTS NOR HAVE ANY DECISIONS BEEN MADE BY FRG.

C. BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT AID - NO NEW PROJECTS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN UNDER THIS PROGRAM, ONE WHICH DATES FROM THE MID 1960'S.

5. ON QUESTION OF FRG PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIVE GROUP, BOTH BERENDONCK AND LEHMANN SAID FRG BASICALLY WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD USE OF CONSULTATIVE GROUPS FOR INDOCHINA AID. LEHMANN INDICATED QUESTION OF TIMING IS ALL THAT REMAINED FOR FRG PARTICIPATION, WITH THE BASIC DECISION TO PARTICIPATE ALREADY HAVING BEEN MADE. IN THIS CONNECTION, BERENDONCK NOTED WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROVAL, STATEMENT HE UNDERSTOOD SECRETARY ROGERS HAD MADE IN TOKYO ON USE OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) AS FORUM FOR SUCH CONSULTATION. ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN, HE FELT SURE FRG WOULD ALSO FAVOR USE OF ADB.
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